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Our Case No. 9281-4589  
Client Reference No. N US01139

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Naoya Hasegawa et al. )  
Serial No. 10/603,986 )  
Filing Date: June 24, 2003 )  
For: Magnetic Sensing Element Including Second )  
Free Magnetic Layer Extending Wider Than )  
Track Width And Method For Fabricating The )  
Same )

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit references B1-B3 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

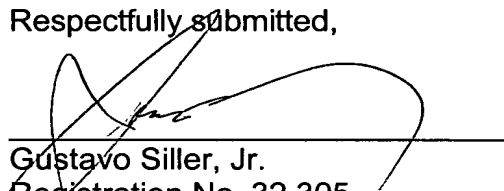
In conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, Applicants state that each item of information contained herein was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the supplemental information disclosure statement. Also enclosed is a copy of the Search Report issued on September 26, 2003 for the corresponding British Patent Application No. GB 0314045.6 of the above-identified application.

The filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56(b). Further, Applicants reserve the right to contest these references as prior art against the present application, and Applicants do not believe that the disclosure of these references, even if finally determined to be prior art, anticipates Applicants' invention or that these references make Applicants' invention obvious.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to this material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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	<b>FILING DATE</b> June 24, 2003	<b>GROUP ART UNIT</b>
	<b>APPLICANT(S):</b> Naoya Hasegawa et al.	

REFERENCE DESIGNATION		U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	B1	2003/0030948	02/2003	Eiji Umetsu		
	B2	2002/0167768	11/2002	Robert Fontana et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO	
	B3	2002-232037	08/2002	Japan		X (partial)	

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)	

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 9281-4589
Serial No. 10/603,986	Filing Date June 24, 2003	Examiner To be Assigned.	Group Art Unit
Inventor: Naoya Hasegawa et al.			
Title of Invention MAGNETIC SENSING ELEMENT INCLUDING SECOND FREE MAGNETIC LAYER EXTENDING WIDER THAN TRACK WIDTH AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE SAME			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate); PTO Form 1449; Copy of Search Report GB 0314045.6; References B1-B3 and Return Postcard

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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Multiple Dependent Claims Present		

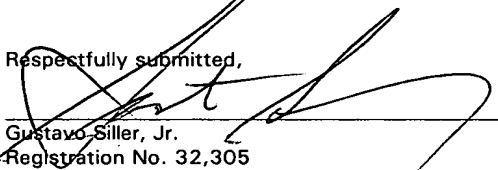
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